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INTERESTING FEATURES OF CONOPUS CLUB MEETING

The Conopus Club met Monday and dined at L. E. Mann's restaurant. There were eighteen members present and the prize which was donated by H. Hockenberry was won by H. H. Redfield.

A bottle factory representative had asked for a hearing from the club and was referred to the industrial committee who will weigh the merits of his proposition and if they think advisable, bring it before the club.

The matter of reckless driving was discussed and the club will take action to do away with it as much as possible. A special officer will be hired for this purpose.

P. S. Crossman gave a very interesting talk on the potato clubs which he is establishing throughout the county, and the Conopus Club will sponsor on of these clubs which will do a great deal toward bringing the country people and the town people together.

A special committee has accepted a proposition from the M. E. Church ladies to supply dinners to the club regularly.

WHO-CAN-TELL INDOOR CIRCUS OPENED WEDNESDAY

The "Who-Can-Tell" circus under the direction of W. H. Graff, for the benefit of Bucktail Post No. 195, American Legion opened Wednesday evening and will continue for three more nights. In spite of a heavy fall of snow a good sized crowd attended the opening performances.

The lyceum was attractively decorated for the affair and there were many attractive booths where one could refresh the inner man.

An important feature in the program was the work of the Parentos, a group of aerial performers. A famous contralto singer, also sang some pleasing numbers.

The circus is being held for a worthy cause, that of raising money for a building fund for the World War Veterans. Let us all turn out and help the boys.

ELEVEN CASES NEXT WEEK IN COURT

The following cases will be tried next week in the February term of court:

Commonwealth vs. P. J. Cuneen, charged with voluntary manslaughter.

Commonwealth vs. Chas. Gerard charged with liquor violation.

Commonwealth vs. Jas. Graca charged with liquor violation.

Commonwealth vs. Mrs. Gene Dibo charged wit liquor violation.

Commonwealth vs. Mrs. Lena Lama, liquor violation.

Commonwealth vs. Meyer Browsser charged with perjury in the Mussari case.

Commonwealth vs. Jas. Messler charged with forgery and jail breaking.

Commonwealth vs. Enrico Cernetis charged with obtaining goods under false pretenses and giving a check without funds to cover it in the bank.

Commonwealth vs. Anna Seeley, quist charged with forgery.

Commonwealth vs. Anna Seeley charged with malicious mischief.

Commonwealth vs. Geo. Shirley charged with statutory rape.

SMETHPORT MEN ATTEND JOINT METING AT KANE

E. A. Smetholme, Rev. S. A. Renicks, Wm. Farnham and E. G. Potter, district attorney, attended a joint meeting of the W. C. T. U. Anti-saloon League and enforcement league of the county of McKean, held at Kane at the Y. M. C. A.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways and means to better enforce the law, and to carry on the program adopted by a joint meeting of all such organizations held in Harrisburg, January 2nd and called by Governor Pinchot.

MAN'S FOOT INJURED.

Oscar Jackson, 34 years of age, of Green street, who is employed at the Interstate Window Glass factory had his right foot injured Thursday when a large stone from a pile he was wheeling into the crushing room, fell on it. He was cared for by Dr. Burg Chadwick, and was able to return to work Saturday.

PLANS FOR THE BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN

On January 28 the directors of the McKean County Farm Bureau voted to put on a campaign for the eradication of Bovine Tuberculosis. The chairman of the meeting appointed D. L. Dennis to have charge of the enrollment of the herds of the county.

C. W. Lillibridge was appointed to take charge of the cow census through the schools.

E. A. Smetholme was appointed chairman of the transportations of the veterinarians.

H. J. Rice was appointed head of the publicity campaign.

D. L. Dennis has A. T. Larson of Kane as his assistant. Mr. Dennis has appointed the following chairmen to enlist men to enroll the herds within their respective territories:

Annin	Kore'n Knapp
Bradford	F. J. Deiter
Ceres	R. A. Turner
Eldred	John Harris
Foster	L. V. Hubbard
Hamilton	Andrew Linquist
Hamlin	E. B. McKean
Keating	G. A. Rockerfeller
Lafayette	W. O. Hilliard
Liberty	D. L. Nelson
Norwich	Herman Lord
Otto	Frank Tupper
Sergeant	Albert Anderson
Wetmore	A. T. Larson

Meeting are now being held over the county with the township men who are to sign up the herds giving them instructions in the work. Each township man is given a card for each owner of cattle. He will be given a certain length of time to see the owner and report.

C. W. Lillibridge, County Supt., is now taking a census of the cattle of McKean county through the schools. This being carried out for two purposes. First, to use a check-up on signing up of herds and second as an educational feature. The results of the census will be published later.

E. A. Smetholme who has charge of the transportation of the veterinarians will appoint township chairmen who will arrange for cars to take the veterinarians to the farms. The veterinarians will visit on the average of 25 farms per day, and three days later will visit them again. When all arrangements are made and the veterinarians arrive the campaign is expected to be finished in two weeks.

C. W. Rockefeller of Farmers Valley has charge of signing up of herds in Keating Township. He appointed the following men to do this work:

E. W. Jones	A. L. Gallup
Orlo Randall	H. L. Harmon
G. A. Rockefeller	Frank Reeves
W. W. Smith	John Pytcher

COUNTY DETECTIVE BRINGS AUTO THIEVES BACK

J. J. Allison county detective, and special officer Wilson, left last Wednesday night enroute to Trenton, N. J. and from there to Jersey City, where two defendants, Patsy Liscio and Nick Miller were in custody, being held by the police, waiting extradition from McKean county. The two men are charged with the theft of a Cleveland sedan, on November 5, 1923, from Bradford, the property of Frederick Johnson of that place. Mr. Allison and Mr. Wilson visited the governor's staffs in Harrisburg and Trenton in order to secure the extradition papers.

They returned Sunday, also the prisoners with them. A hearing was held Monday in Bradford before Alderman Foley, they were bound over for court February 25th. As they were unable to furnish bail, they brought here to the county jail, where they are held, awaiting trial.

CONSISTORY NOTES

Sid Burdick is over from Smethport. Sid tickles the ivories of the piano in the now famous Sympathy Orchestra. Don't call it Symphony—Jake Kohl and Ben Barrie wouldn't like it.—Potter Enterprise.

NEW ENGLAND SUPPER

The Priscilla club of the M. E. church will give a new England supper Friday the 22nd of February at the M. E. church basement at 5:30 p. m. Price 40c.

NOVICK-JONES

A pretty wedding was solemnized Tuesday morning, February 19th at 7:00 o'clock a. m., at St. Elizabeth's church when Ruth Margaret Jones, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jones of this place became the bride of William Joseph Novick, son of William Novick of Wilkes Barre, Pa., Rev. P. J. Donahue officiating. Their attendants were Vera Jeanette Jones, sister of the bride, and Edward Novick, brother of the groom.

The bride made a charming picture in a gown of brown brocaded canton crepe, a hat of sand colored straw, and sand colored slippers and hose. She carried a brides' bouquet of pink and white roses and sweetpeas.

The bridesmaid was tastefully attired in grey canton crepe, with a hat of grey taffeta, grey squirrel choker and grey slippers and hose. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and sweetpeas.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the bride's home on West Main street. The dining room was decorated in a color scheme of pink and white, pink roses and smilax formed part of the decorations.

Miss Novick has been employed in McCoy's drug store for the past seven years where she has made many friends with her tact and courtesy. She is a young landy of much personal charm who is well known and liked here.

Mr. Novick met his bride here last summer while employed here as a state trooper, which he has been for the past twelve years.

Mr. And Mrs. Novick left Tuesday for a two weeks trip to Buffalo and Wilkesbarre, the home of Mr. Novick, after which they will make their home at Ebensburg, where Mr. Novick holds a responsible position.

MISS IDA TARBELL TO GIVE NEXT NUMBER IN LEGION LYCEUM COURSE

A lecture of great personal interest to Bradford people is scheduled as the next number on the American Legion Lyceum course, when Miss Ida M. Tarbell, the best known and foremost woman publicist of the day, will appear on Thursday, February 28. Many Bradford residents are personally acquainted with the speaker and a host have heard her deliver some of her famous lectures. A number of her books are obtainable at the Carnegie Public Library.

Miss Tarbell, having made the study of social an industrial problems her life's work, is a recognized authority. The well known lecturer has an enviable reputation that reaches to all corners of the earth as a special writer editor, historian and speaker. Her "History of Abraham Lincoln" is a fine example of her ability along historical lines. The work, besides being published in book form, is being syndicated through newspapers of the country in serial form.

The American Legion post has been decidedly fortunate in being able to secure Miss Tarbell to speak here, and a capacity audience is expected to greet her upon her appearance in Bradford.—Bradford Era, February 19.

CHEMICAL EXPLODES

Lawrence Stratton a senior in the high school cut his right hand badly, Tuesday while conducting a chemistry experiment. The liquids which he was mixing exploded shattering the glass container in his hand, and making two bad cuts on his thumb and the palm of his right hand. Dr. Burg Chadwick dressed his injuries.

The Senior Class Play Will Be Presented February 28.

CONOPUS CLUB MEMBERS TO SPONSOR POTATO CLUB.

The Conopus Club at their last meeting Monday, February 18, voted to sponsor a Boy's Potato Club at Smethport. Any member of the club who desired to assist in bringing about better relationship between the town and rural people will have an opportunity to do so by becoming the sponsor of some particular boy in or about Smethport, in that he will furnish the boy a 2½ bushel bag of Disease Free Certified potatoes, which are to be accepted by the boy whom he is sponsoring and grown under the direction of the Farm Bureau. At harvest time he is to return to his sponsor, a number of the Conopus Club, five bushels of well graded table stock, grown from the seed furnished him by his sponsor.

During the growing season according to the agreement entered into the sponsor, who is a Conopus Club member agrees to visit his boy at his potato field and exchange ideas on agricultural and business methods. The boy agrees to exhibit at a local show one peck of potatoes from the potatoes furnished him. He also agrees to plant under like conditions an equal amount of potatoes of his own home stock. The purpose of this is to show the effects of good quality seed.

The results of the certified seed as compared with local seed will be noted at harvest time.

It is hoped that there will be many boys seeking to take advantage of this opportunity and prove themselves worthy of this cause.

MRS. HANNAH HAMLIN CELEBRATES 90th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Hannah Hamlin celebrated her 90th birthday Monday with a tea to members of her family at her home on West Main street. During the afternoon Mrs. Hamlin who is loved by all who know her, received numerous gifts by guests who came to extend birthday greetings. Her rooms were filled with flowers from her many friends and relatives. Mrs. Hamlin who has spent her whole life here, is in good health and the best of spirits. May she have many more happy birthdays.

NEW REPAIR SHOP NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

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Now open for business.

MRS. F. N. RIPLEY
414 Main St.

The Senior class play of the Smethport High School will present their class play "Kicked out of College" next Wednesday evening at the Lyceum. This play is a typical college production by that famous author of many college fanature plays Walter Ben Han. The seniors say that everyone should attend this play as it is a regular "riproarter." The Lyceum will be warm and a pleasant evening is assured to all. The play is put on for the Washington Excursion next spring and as the price is within the reach of all the senior would like to see a full house. If you can't laugh you won't enjoy the play.

The cast of characters are as follows:

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Bootles Benbow . . . A popular senior
Richard Shattuck
Tad Chiseltine . . . The college cut-up
Everald Mundy
Leviticus . . . The ace of Spades
Mike Coylios'ro
Scotch McAllister . . . A hard student
Richard Hockenberry
Silvers Magee . . . A happy junior
Harry Abbey
Mr. Benjamin J. Benbow . . . Bootles' father
Lawrence Stratton
Mr. Sandy McCann . . . Coach of the Dramatic club
Robert Apple
Officer Riley . . . From the Emerald Isle
Officer Riley . . . From The Emerald Isle
Maurice Burdick
Mr. Gears . . . Of The Speed Motor Car Co.
Russell Norman
Jonquil Gray . . . The Little Chauffeur
Ellen Hurley
Bety Benbow . . . Bootles' sister
Sigrid Johnson
Mrs. B. J. Benbow . . . Her Mother, A Suffragette
Elizabeth Rifle
"Ma" Baggsby . . . A Popular Landlady
Harriet Brownell
Mrs. Mehitabel McCann . . . A Jealous Wife
Helen Schoonmaker
Selina McCann . . . Aged Thirteen
Margaret Bloomster
Miss Juliet Snobbs . . . The College Stenographer
Helen Russ
Mlle. Mimi Fleurette . . . A French Costumer
Edna Bloomster
Salamanca Sawins . . . A Black Wash-Lady
Gleva Parker

Music will be furnished by High School Orchestra and Mandolin Club under direction of Miss Schoch

VICTORY BANQUET HELD FRIDAY EVENING

GEORGE HYDE.

George Hyde of Buffalo passed away Saturday February 16th at the Buffalo General hospital following an operation for appendicitis which occured February 5th. His condition at the time of the operation was found to be so serious that no hope was entertained for his recovery.

Mr. Hyde was the son of George and Celesta Hyde and was born at Burbanks, crossing almost forty-five years ago. All of his life with exception of the last ten years in Buffalo, was spent here, where he was active in town affairs, and highly respected. He held the position of assessor for six years, and was a capable public official.

About ten years ago the family moved to Buffalo, where Mr. Hyde has held a position as carpenter in the Pierce-Arrow Automobile Works.

He is survived by his wife, and two children, Robert and Dorothy Hyde, two brothers Lon Hyde of Friendship, N. Y., Newton Hyde of East Smethport, and two sisters: Mrs. Frank Burdick of this place, and Mrs. Alice Robbins of Alexander Kansas.

The funeral was held Tuesday P. M. at 2:30 o'clock at the family residence in Buffalo.

He was a member of Idlewood Lodge No. 852, I. O. O. F., Caito Sanctuary No. 35, O. O. H. and P., Mystic Mariners Rebekah Lodge No. 607, I. O. O. F. Police reserve No. 4. The burial was under the auspices of Idlewild Lodge No. 852.

The grief-stricken family have the sympathy of their many friends in this place.

MEMORIAL FUND MEETING

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold a Frances Willard Memorial Fund meeting in the basement of the M. E. church, Tuesday evening, Feb. 26 at 7:30. The program is as follows:

Music—"America the Beautiful."
Devotionals—Mrs. Martha Chadwick.
Introductory Talk—"Why a Frances Willard Memorial Fund"—Mrs. Lillian Gallup.
Quartette—Hallstrom Ladies."
Sketch of Miss Willards's Life—Mrs. Martha Chadwick.
Piano Solo—Miss Lena Southworth.
Reading—"A Stronger National Sentiment Needed."—Mrs. Jennie Hafner.
Reading—"Crusading at the Primaries" by F. E. Willard (From her address in 1883)—Mrs. Elma Hallstrom.
Frances Willard Organizing Fund Fund and It's Accomplishments During 1923—Mrs. Della Spanogle.
Vocal Solo—Mrs. E. E. Bouton.
Offering for Memorial Fund.
Music—"March of Allegiance."
Symposium—Mrs. Barnum, Mrs. Lillibridge, Mrs Ruth Boothe, Mrs. Iddings and Mrs. Mecken.
Music—"Work for Enforcement Where you are."
Honorary Members of the Union are invited to be present and members bring guests.

LOCAL INSTITUTE

The local institute for the teachers of Smethport Borough, Keating Township, Sergeant Township and Norwich Township will be held at Smethport next Saturday, February 23.

The morning session will begin at ten o'clock and the afternoon session at 1:15. A good program has been prepared and we are looking forward to an interesting and helpful meeting.

Come prepared to state any difficulties that have presented themselves in connection with your work, and let us discuss them together.

Yours truly,
THE COMMITTEE

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COOKED FOOD SALE

Women's Auxiliary, American Legion will hold a cooked food sale at the corner drug Store, Saturday, Feb. 23rd at 2:30 p. m.

Kane Representatives Unable to Get Thru Deep Snow Drifts,

The Victory Banquet held by the McKean County council, Friday evening in the basement of the M. E. church, to cele rate the raising of the quota, $7000 for Boy Scout activities in McKean county, was attended by two representatives from Ludlow, one from Mt. Jewett, eight from Bradford and the balance from Smethport, 20 in all. The Kane representatives started but were unable to get through the snow drifts at Mt. Jewett.

Dr. A. R. Livermore who was the first Eagle Scout in Pennsylvania, gave a talk on scout work and its value to the boys.

Rev. Dr. Mitchell, Regional scout Executive from National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America in New York City, was present and gave a very interesting talk on "Father and Son". He emphasized the fact that a scout master oftens takes place of a boy's father that the boys admire the scoutmaster rather than their fathers, and that the fathers should give more attention to their boys, not with the idea of crowding out the scout master, for his is a noble work, but with that of fathering the boy and securing his confidence. He stated that where scout organizations exist, there are less juvinile cases in court. The scout work is a splendid one and means the future manhood of this country.

The McKean county council has hired Mr. Wm. Taylor, of Elmira, a man who has spent many years in scout work, and who has for the last four years been an instructor, as the Boy Scout Executive. He will supervise the scout work, make regular visits and also give instruction to the boys. Mr. Taylor who was present and gave a very interesting talk on the Scout work and made a very favorable impression.

C. L. White of Bradford, W. F. Specht of Smethport, A. E. Conn of Mt. Jewett, Mr. Chee and Mr. Gardner of Ludlow, gave excellent talks on scout work.

Major Steward of Bradford acted as secretary at the meeting. Rev. W. E. Van Dyke said grace and Rev. S. A. Renicks pronounced the benediction.

All present were much pleased with the delicious dinner provided by the ladies of the Priscilla Club and have arranged to return Thursday evening, Feb. 21st and hold a final meeting in the parish house of St. Lukes Episcopal church. The members of St. Christophers Guild will serve the dinner at which it is hoped all members including those who were deterred from attending the first banquet will be able to attend.

"CREATIVE JAPAN", W. F. M. S. PROGRAM.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society held a meeting Tuesday evening in the church parlors.

Mrs. Earl Gallup had charge of the program which was a very interesting one on "Creative Japan."

It was carried out by Mrs. Neal Gleason, Miss Leonore Lemmler and Miss Chloe Erie. The excellent musical numbers were furnished by Miss Harriet Herzog and Miss Mary Lillibridge.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. P. S. Crossman, Mrs. Ralph Herzog, Mrs. Karlen and Miss Leonore Lemmler.

COLLISION ON REW HILL.

Last Saturday evening about 9:30 o'clock as Leonard McGavisk and Lloyd Walker were driving the former's Ford down Rew Hill on their way to Bradford, they met another car coming up the hill, and skidding from side to side. As the car was on the wrong side of the road, McGavisk threw his car to the right to avoid a collision with it, and ran into the fence.

Lloyd Walker was slightly injured in the leg, and the fender and [illegible] on the car were smashed.

LARRABEE

Rev. W. E. Van Dyke of Smethport was in town between trains Monday, enroute to Eldred where he held services at St. Mathews Episcopal church in the evening at 7:30.

L. K. Hogarth of Smethport was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Katherine Eberman of Indian Creek spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Lena Raszmann.

Walter Carpenter is a guest of his sister, Mrs. Harry Heitman, of South Wales.

Mrs. Edith Van Sickles of East Smethport visited Mrs. Wilmer Lawtonu, Thursday.

C. J. Carey was a business visitor in Smethport, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vird Dennis were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Brazee of Bullis Mills, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nichols were weekn end guests of Mr. and Mrs. De Alton Nichols of Roulette.

Miss Mary McAuliffe spent last week with Mrs. Florence Layton, of Olaen.

Miss Margaret Raszmann of Emporium is a guest of her mother Mrs. Lena Raszmann.

Wilson Burris of Portville rented one of Mrs. Ada Young's houses and moved his family here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hyde of East Smethport and Mr. and Mrs. Vird Dennis called on Mr. and Mrs. Deo Dennis of Indian Creek, Monday evening.

Mrs. Louis Coleman spent last week with her mother Mrs. Cuyle.

Clarence Whitaker of Clermont called on F. D. Pendleton, Saturday.

Miss Lucile McKelvey, who has been a guest of Mrs. R. H. Nichols, returned to her home at West Clarksville, Saturday.

Theodore Raszmann is confined to his home by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Clement of Jamestown and Mr. and Mrs. A. Lanydon of Eldred were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vird Dennis.

Mrs. Raymond Raszmann was an Olean visitor, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson and daughter, Miss Freda, of Barden Brook were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Butler of Coryville.

Dr. S. R. Huff of Eldred was called Saturday to see Mrs. Davis Kellerman who is ill with heart trouble and bronchitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Raszmann entertained several friends of Crosby at a dancing party Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Vird Dennis attended the Poverty dance at community hall, Indian Creek, Wednesday evening.

Miss Mary McAuliffe was entertained by several of her friends at a birthday surprise party at her home in Sartwell, Friday evenin.

The Farmers club met with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hubbard Friday evening. The literary contest closed with Mrs. Vird Dennis's side as winner. Miss Ruby Haynes, who is catain of the defeated contestants, will serve refreshments for the members of the club Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson of Barden Brook.

HAZELHURST NEWS

Mr. J. H. Walker motored to Kane on Monday.

Rev. C. M. Burnett was in Kane on Monday.

Miss Meda Stoddard who has been a patient at the Kane hospital for the last two weeks has returned to her home here.

Tony Polio and James McCready were Kane shoppers on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Heaning Johnson and children and Mrs. Ada Sickler were shopping in Kane Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stoddard were Kane visitors Saturday.

Rev Phillips of the M. E. church of Warren, Pa., preached Sunday at the M. E. church here.

The ladies social club meet at the home of Mrs. Lee Studley on Friday evening. Everybody had a splendid time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stoddard and children and David Hendrickson of Crosby, Pa., were visiting in town on Sunday.

Sarah Hendrickson of Marvindale was visiting in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. Jennie Stoddard was in Kane on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Reinard and son were shopping in Kane on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Connors and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were visiting relatives and friends here on Sunday.

Louis Dandoy, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dandoy were visiting Louis Dandoy, Jr., who is a patient at the Kane Summit hospital on Sunday.

Mrs. Carmon Napolitano and daughter Rosie and Joe Napolitano were visiting Mike Napolitano a patient at the Kane hospital Sunday.

J. H. Walker was a Bradford visitor on Tuesday.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Mullholland on Wednesday.

FARMERS VALLEY

Mr. Charlie Stratton had the misfortune to get snow-bound Friday.

Mr. Loyd Miller has moved into Bernard Ferrise's house.

Mrs. Burt Oviatt was taking advantage of water sale at Fred Masser's Saturday.

J. W. Reed was a business caller at Smethport Monday.

Mrs. H. B. Marsh was calling on Mrs. McCarreal Thursday evening.

Mr. George Rockefeller while grinding a chisel the emery broke and a piece flew hitting him on the upper lip cutting a ugly wound but he is doing fine at this writing.

Mr. Burt Davis of Cole Creek is engaged in remodling the store of Mr. H. D. Marsh.

Miss Anice Church accompanied Miss Alma Freer home over Sunday at Port Allegany.

Mrs. Carl Burgh found a white gold wrist watch on state road below Cole Creek lower school house.

PEOPLE OF PORT ALLEGANY TO VOTE "YES" OR "NO" FOR NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

The School Board has taken the firts step in the work necessary to secure the erection of a new high school building, setting the date for a special election to be held in the City Building on Tuesday, March 18. On this date it will be up to the people of Port Allegany to decide upon authorizing the school board to issue $5,900 in bonds for the purpose of erecting the new building. This amount represents the entire bonding capacity of the school board at the present time. Added to the amount received by the school board for fire insurance, $25,000, it will allow the construction of a fine modern building, with large assembly hall, gymnasium and about twelve school rooms. —Port Allegany Reporter-Argus.

Dont forget to attend the play "KICKED OUT OF COLLEGE" February 27, at the Lyceum, staged by the S. H. S. Seniors. Come and help a good cause. If you don't come buy a ticket anyway.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

COUNTY OF McKEAN, ss:

THE COMMONWEALTH of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said County, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, that without any other writ from us, of the lands of Grace White and Joseph White, her husband to-wit:

All that certain parcel or lot of land situate in the City of Bradford County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at a post on the west side of Green's Alley, one hundred and twenty-three feet, more or less, north of Washington Street; thence north, along said alley, thirty three (33) feet, more or less; thence west ninety four (94) feet, more or less, to land of James Carr Estate, thence south along line of said Carr Estate thirty three (33) feet, more or less; thence east ninety four (94) feet more or less, to the place o fbeginning 3102 square feet, more or less. ALSO, all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate in the City of Bradford, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING, at a post on the west side of Greens' Alley one hundred twenty-three (123) feet north of the north line of Washington Street and at the southeast of lot deeded to James Elliott by deed dated September 15th, A. D. 1904; thence west along the south line of said Elliott lot ninety two (92) feet to land owned by Mark McManus, thence south along the east line of said McManus lot twenty-three (23) feet; thence, east and parallel with Washington Street ninety-two (92) feet to Green's Alley; thence north along Green's Alley twenty-three (23) feet to place of beginning, containing twenty-one hundred sixteen (2116) square feet.

ALSO, all that certain piece, parcel of lot of land situate in the City of Bradford, County of McKean, State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the west line of Green's Alley, said point being one hundred twenty-nine (129) feet south of State Street and at the southeast corner of land deeded to A. Burkholder; thence west and parallel with said street sixty (60) feet to land of Catherine O'Brien; thence south fifty seven (57) feet to land of Catherine O'Brien thence east and parallel, with first line sixty (60) feet to Green's Alley; thence north along Green's Alley, fifty-seven feet to the place of beginning.

ALSO, all that certain piece, parcel or strip of land situate in the City of Bradford, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a post on the west side of Green's Alley one hundred fifty six (156) feet north of the North line of Washington Street, and at the northeast corner of lot deeded to James Elliott by Augustus W. Newell and wife by deed dated September 15th, 1904; thence west along the north line of said Elliott lot sixty (60) feet; thence north three (3) feet; thence east and parallel with the first above mentioned line sixty (60) feet to Green's Alley; thence south three (3) feet to the place of beginning; Reserving oil and gas.

The above described premises being the same property which was conveyed to the mortgagors herein by the mortgagee herein et al, this being a purchase money mortgage, to secure a portion of the consideration for the conveyence by the mortgagee, et al., to the mortgagors witnessed by a deed of even date and to be recorded herewith. And the said mortgagors also hereby mortgage all the right, title and interest which the said mortgagors herein received by the last above mentioned deed or otherwise, but no other or greater rights, for the use of an alley way to Washington Street in common with the public, and a right of way for sewer, water, and gas lines, subject to the agreement between Augustus W. Newell and Ben H. Green dated September 1, 1901, and recorded in the Recorder's Office of McKean County in deed Book 170, page 456, etc.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of F. M. Nash, Administrator of the Estate of Grace White and Joseph White, her husband, at the suit of Addie E. Lewis.

H. M. Wick,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
L. W. BARTON, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa.

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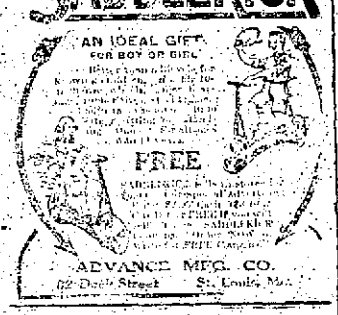

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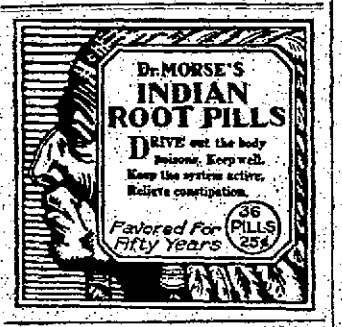
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WARREN POLICE TAKE BAD CHECK ARTIST

Warren, Feb. 18.—Clyde Rand, 38, of Olean, is prisoner in the county jail today in default of $1000 bail, accused of passing a number of bad checks in Warren, Saturday, and from indications several other charges will be lodged against him by residents of surrounding towns where it is alleged that he had been working the same game as charged against him here.

Rand, who has at least a half dozen aliases including Charles S. Brooks, James Lyford, James Randall and James Lawrence, was arrested Saturday afternoon by Patrolman R. Griffiths at the Carver House, just as he was leaving, having paid his bill and checked out. He had registered at the hotel on Tuesday under the name of James Lyford, and gave his residence as Binghamton, New York.

The prisoner was arrested on a warrant charging forgery and obtaining money under false pretense, sworn out by Lyle Schuler of Schuler Brothers' garage, where it is declared Rand gave a check for $75 made out on the Warren National Bank, in favor of Charles S. Brooks, and signed by James A. Lawrence. He made a payment of $50 on a new Chevrolet automobile and received $25 in cash, Schuler says.

When the man had departed Schuler, becoming suspicious of the check, called other dealers in town and found that a man had worked the same stunt at Russell Brothers' garage, where a car had been purchased and $12.05 received in change from a $75 check. At this place the man made application for a title and paid for it.

From Russell's he went to Clyde Smith's salesrooms, where he presented a check for the same amount and paid $50 on a car, receiving $25 back.

PADLO BREAKS BROOM HANDLE OVER WOMAN'S HEAD

Four arrests, a woman in the hospital, the seizure of two stills, several gallons of "white mule" and several dozen bottles of alleged home-made beer resulted from the activities of police last night.

Mike Padlo, 38 years old, of West Connell street, arrested on an open charge was admitted to bail of $1,000. He is alleged to have struck Mrs. John Lazarous, of West Connell street, over the head with a broomstick inflicting severe scalp wounds. She is in the Higgins Memorial hospital in a serious condition.

John Lazarus, 35 years old, was arrested at his home in West Connell street charged with keeping a disorderly house and resisting the officers making the arrests, of John Odeleuzhic, 68, and Joseph Indlosz, 37, were arrested on charges of being inmates of the place, intoxication and resisting arrest. Lazarus was admitted to bail of $1,000 and the two, the were released after furnishing $1000 bail each.

Police say that a 15-gallon still, 22 gallons of "white mule" in jugs and a small keg, a half barrel of moonshine and a dozen bottles of home-made beer were seized at Padlo's home.

In Lazarus's home they confiscated a five-gallon still and three barrels of mash it was said at headquarters.

It is reported that Mrs. Lazarus went to Padlo's place in search of her husband. According to Police reports she was attacked by Padlo who was armed with a broom. In striking the woman over the head with the handle he broke it in two pieces.

The four men will be arraigned in police court tomorrow morning. —Olean Herald, Feb. 20.

FORTY BARREL OIL WELL AT WARREN

Warren, Feb. 15.—What may prove to be a forerunner of future development in the oil game in this vicinity took place yesterday when an oil well on the property of Ivan Rosengren of Beatty st., was shot, which, from all indications will produce upwards of forty barrels.

It is one of the few wells in this locality that has been sunk to the Clarendon sand, the majority being only driven to the Glade Sand, which is a matter of 115 feet higher up than the Clarendon.

Accompanying the oil was a very high pressure of gas, which has a tendency to show that the pool is in a new vein, and that it may prove to be an extra good producer.

If this well shows up better than normal when the opening rush is over, it may be that numerous other holes will punctured in the land close by, and it is thought by some oil men that the old timers which stud the territory nearby may be sunk in this level, in an attempt to get in on the golden flow.

The well was drilled by Rowland & Brosh, who decided at the outset to go to the lower level. Their predictions as to the results is more than proved in the returns.

Several oil drillers stated last night that wells had been sunk to the Clarendon sand to their knowledge, on the other side of the creek and Glade. This was many years ago and in some cases they are still producing, but in a very small way.

The well will be bailed today, and the outcome will be watched eagery by interested oil men and others.

LITTLE VALLEY EDITOR IS MISSING

Little Valley, Feb. 18.—Reported to have left a letter addressed to his son saying that he was going away "never to return this time," H. H. Shipherd, 50 years, editor and publisher of the little Valley Hub has again disappeared from his home.

Shipherd disappeared from his home about a year ago and returned after several weeks, saying that he had been in Vancouver, British Columbia, where he had gone on a vacation. He immediately entered energetically into the work of publishing his newspaper and as a result is believed to have been the victim of over work. A similar condition was attributed to his first disappearance.

Shipherd has been a resident of Little Valley for 15 years and has published the Hub during that period. Friends say that he was successful in business and advance the belief that he may return home as suddenly as he disappeared. However, fear is expressed for his safety in some circles.

The editor saw service in France during the World War being associated with the Y. M. C. A. and having charge of a canteen. He returned after a year spent overseas and apparently showed no ill effects from his experience.

The newspaper is being published by his employees.

The son, William Shipherd, to whom the missing man is reported to have addressed the letter resides in East Randolph, N. Y. The editor's wife is a resident of Little Valley.

FALLS THROUGH CIGAR CASE; SEVERS ARTERY

Losing his balance after rising from a chair, David Ditty, of 718 King street, fell through a cigar case in an East State street pool room and suffered a number of cuts about the body including one that severed an artery in his right hand. He was taken to the Higgins Memorial hospital where his condition is favorable today although he lost considerable blood.—Olean Evening Herald, Feb.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

I hereby announce my candidacy for delegate from the 23rd Congressional District to the National Convention of the Republican Party subject to the decision of the voters at the primary election to be held April 22, 1924.

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We are authorized to announce the name of Ellis J. Mannis, of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, as a candidate for the office of Delegate to the Republican National Convention from the 23rd Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination on the Republican ticket for the office of Senator in the General Assembly from the District subject to the decision of the primary election to be held on Tuesday, April 22, 1924.

FRANK C. BALDWIN
Austin, Pa.
February 7, 24.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination of the Republican party for the office of Assembly for McKean County, subject to the decision of the Republican Electors at the Primaries on Tuesday, April 22, 1924.

THOMAS B. WILSON
Bradford, Pa.

EDITORIAL

OUR GREATEST ENEMY

Your greatest enemy is the politician, and the politician's greatest friend and ally is your own prejudice. He is everybody in this country except capital, not labor, and the corporations, not the monopolies, not the captains of industry, not organized labor unions, not the labor leader as such. No. Your greatest enemy and the greatest enemy of everybody else in this country is the demagogue—the popularity hunting, vote seeking hypocrite, who advocates false doctrines or still worse. This country has too many orators, newspapers and professors who, in this or that disguise, persistently and skillfully nourish and foster hatred and cultivate in the hearts of a people jealousy and distrust of their fellowmen. This is our greatest danger—the danger that we'll permit ourselves to be blinded by these partisans until the country falls into the hands of the demagogues.

We are entitled to lower taxes in this country—don't let the demagogue tell you we can't get it, no matter what party he belongs to. We are entitled to more equitable freight rates, that the men who produce that which we eat can grow and market at a fairer price than they have been getting—don't let any demagogue tell you that this can't be adjusted. We need and must have immigration laws so strict that our shores will not be used as a dumping ground for a class of citizens the old world is anxious to get rid of—don't let the demagogue tell you that turning them back may hurt our foreign trade. Resolve to do your own thinking this year; turn a cold shoulder to the demagogue; and when your personal history of 1924 is written you'll find you've passed through one of the very best years of your life.

FARMERS FAVOR BILL

Prominent farmers of the county point out that the experimental work on the station farm at State College, despite a lack of sufficient funds, has returned far more than the total expenditure the Purnell bill would entail. They state that the development of Pennsylvania "44" wheat by C. F. Noll, agronomist at the experiment station has resulted in an increase in the annual income of the farmers which is greater than the annual expenditure of $4,000,000 called for in the Purnell Bill. It has been estimated by prominent authorities tha the development of this wheat has been worth at least $5,000,000 dollars to the state of Pennsylvania.

Agricultural leaders point to the studies on animal feeding, conducted in the calorimeter at State College as evidence of the value of research and experimentation. The feeding standards worked out in this apparatus have meant an immense saving to not only Pennsylvania farmers but livestock men the world over.

WHO FOOTS THE BILL

We've recently heard a few Smethport citizens who do not own autos complaining about the enormous sum of money spent on highway construction and contending that car owners are the only ones who benefit. In a measure that is true, but they are apt to overlook who pays for the roads. It is really the auto owners who must maintain them. The federal government, in its annual report, tells us that $261,725,216 on account of Federal Aid highways, forest road construction and expenses of administration, but this is not a tax on the general money in the government treasury. It has collected $589,913,921 in taxes on gasoline, tires and accessories. The latter is more than enough to pay the cost of the improvements usually take care of the maintenance problem and there is a surplus.

If the motor owner feels that he is over taxed and the non-owners should not help him he should remember that the better the roads the easier it is for producers to get their wares to market. And the latter is in direct benefit from the improvements. He is aware of lower freight rates. In fact there is no line in any community which could reach its markets with the same ease if roads are not as they should be. Then it is directly and indirectly to the benefit of all to help maintain the highways. Let's not be penny wise and pound foolish. Let's not be so short sighted that we can't see what Chevy is buying for. Then all of you will be benefited.

AMERICAN PEOPLE CONFIDENT COOLIDGE WILL PUNISH GUILTY

President Coolidge's decision to prosecute the oil land grabbers as promised is only what the country might reasonably expect. He has shown his high quality of moral courage in other trying situations. The man who took the oath of office as President in a little farmhouse sitting room, by the light of a kerosene lamp, with his own father, a notary public pronouncing the solemn words, is not likely to falter in face of duty.

And the country has need of his stern New England conscience just now. Out of the war has come a long series of transactions more or less questionable; the oil scandal is merely the last, though, perhaps, the most notorious. In the letdown that followed the cessation of war activities came such a relaxation of the general morale as amounted to a lowering of public morals to an incredible depth. Men who were trusted and placed in high position have proved themselves unworthy of trust, have betrayed the people and have robbed the government under the convenient guise of war practice carried into peace times.

This taint has spread through all grades of society, into every ramification of business, until the social structure is threatened. It is time that the cleaning-up process were started. Actually it was begun under Mr. Harding, when the prosecution of war profiteers was commenced. Mr. Coolidge will carry on and see to it that the public justice and national honor is amply vindicated.

For those purblind partisans who seek to derive political capital or advantage from the situation as it stands, only profound pity can be felt. If one party had a monopoly on private honesty and the other possessed all the crooks, then the one would be clear enough to the people and the pleas that come from partisan sources would be unnecessary. President Coolidge has asked that the prosecution of the legal offenders be carried on not as a party issue, but as a high civic duty in which all good citizens are concerned. Maintenance of national honor should not be a factional undertaking.

We believe that the American people have confidence in Calvin Coolidge and believe that he will do what is right, regardless of any considerations of political expediency. We also believe that those who are trying to stir up factional strife by partisan appeal in this crisis are making a mistake. This is not a party question, but one that affects the entire United States. Such flagrant malfeasance as is laid at the door of Fall, Sinclair, Doheny and others transcends ordinary crime, and surely deserves the utmost of justice, and it's we believe the President will see meted out.—Omaha Bee.

POINT TO PAST RESEARCH

Other research findings that have resulted in more economical production are cited by farmer supporting the Purnell bill. The development of new strains of tomatoes and cabbage, the experiments in disease and insect control which have resulted in a spraying program for potatoes and fruits, the experiments in steer feeding proving the value and economy of feeding silage, they point to in their arguments for more research funds.

One reason for the favorable sentiment the bill is creating among the farmers of the county is because it enlarges the scope of agricultural research to include studies on the economic and marketing problems confronting the farmer. At the present time, they say there is a great need for information along these lines. Problems of farm management, grading, standardization, transportation, storage, marketing of farm crops, and social problems of country life can be investigated under the provisions of the new bill.

Authorities at the Pennsylvania State College state that the funds now received for agricultural research are entirely too small to carry on the research demanded by the farmers of the state. Hundreds of requests, they say, are coming in each year for research work on problems of production and marketing of farm products. The lack of funds makes possible the solution of only the more important problems.

BIDS OPEN

Pennsylvania Department of Highways, Harrisburg, Pa. Sealed proposals will be received at the State Capital until 10 a. m. March 17, 1924, when bids will be publicly opened and scheduled and contract awarded as soon thereafter as possible for the reconstruction of 19.84 linear feet of stone foundations, curbs, gutters and one course reinforced concrete pavement, 18 feet wide, being situated in Mt. Jewett Borough and Hamlin Township, McKean County on Route No. 95. Bidding blanks and specifications may be obtained free, and drawings upon payment of $2.50 per set, upon application to Pennsylvania Department of Highways, Harrisburg. No refund for drawings returned. They can also be seen at office of Pennsylvania Department of Highways, Bolton Bldg., 132 Seventh street, Pittsburgh, and Franklin Trust Co. Bldg., Franklin, Pa. and 1007 Commerce Bldg., Erie, Penna. C. D. Wright, Secretary of Highways.

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SERIOUSLY ILL

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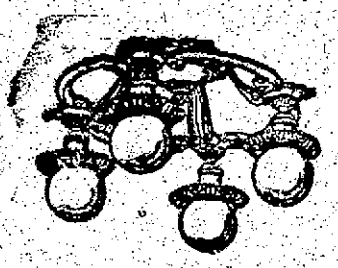

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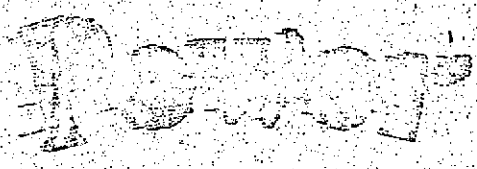

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Paul Musser is confined to his home suffering from bronchitis.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sisse were in Olean, N. Y., Sunday.

Judge Johnson who is holding court in Butler, Pa., spent Sunday here with his family in Butler Mountain.

John Sullivan of Pittsburgh is the guest this week of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Larson and Mrs. E. C. Larson spent Sunday in Mt. Jewett.

Mrs. Richmond Gray and Mrs. Jas. Donley served refreshments at the regular meeting of St. Priscilla's Guild Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Allen Dunn and Mrs. Wade Goodell were in Buffalo Tuesday to attend the funeral of Gen. Hyde.

Miss Ruth Thompson, returned Saturday night to Warren where she is attending the Teachers' College.

Grant Smith of Olean was in Smethport on business during the early part of the week.

Mrs. Hunter of Bradford was here on business Friday.

Mrs. [illegible] of Bradford was the guest of Mrs. [illegible] Monday.

Mrs. [illegible] of Bradford was a visitor in Smethport Monday.

Mrs. [illegible] of Bradford was the guest of Mrs. [illegible] N. Y., Sunday.

Mrs. [illegible] spent the week end guest of King and the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Dunn.

Fred Hunter was a business visitor in Mt. Jewett Monday.

Rev. W. S. Van Dyke and Jack Morrison left Monday for Sharon, Pa.

Mrs. Thomas Dunn will entertain at Bridge Friday evening at her home on South street.

Miss Anna Benson was an Olean visitor Saturday.

Miss Anna Novick of Wilkes Barre, Pa., spent the week end here.

Miss Vera Jones spent the week end in Bradford with her sister, Harriet who was a patient at the Bradford hospital.

The Misses Ada Studholme, Janet and Louise Redfield and Kathryn Pomeroy were Olean visitors Saturday.

Misses Bertha and Marry Kleisath and Babe Kelly attended "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" at Bradford Monday evening.

Mrs. Robert Brownell entertained at bridge Saturday evening.

Mrs. J. D. Hogarth entertained at 500 Friday evening for Mrs. Francis Paulson of Mt. Jewett.

Miss Carrie McGowan spent the week end in Port Allegany.

Miss Iva Bacon of Punxsutawney, Pa., spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bacon.

Miss Esther Swanson was a Bradford visitor over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Paulson and daughter of Mt. Jewett were the week end guest of Mrs. Edna Warren.

G. B. Mayo was in Kane Saturday on business.

Mrs. B. A. Ball and Mrs. Ted Schmidt entertained at bridge Wednesday evening at the club house.

Mrs. Eugenia Merrill was a Buffalo visitor this week.

Mrs. Donald Bovaird of Bradford spent Monday here with her parents Judge and Mrs. Joseph Bouton.

Mrs. Fred Miller was in Ormsby, Friday.

William Colegrove of Ridgway, Pa., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Colegrove of King street.

Mrs. Jane Young left Tuesday for the Homeopathic hospital, Buffalo to receive medical attention.

Mr. Walter Stevens of Mt. Jewett was in town Tuesday.

Raymond Morrison of Bradford was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Buller of Bradford spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooper of this place.

S. F. Redfield left Monday for Syracuse, N. Y., called there on account of illness of his wife.

Dr. and Mrs. John Clark, Lucy Moore and Albert Johnson were in Bradford Saturday.

Mrs. Albert Cleveland was a Warren and Bradford visitor the latter part of the week.

Mr. Arthur Witt left Tuesday for Newark, N. J.

The Acetone factory that resumed operations last week closes again Friday.

Mrs. Emil Johnson spent Friday in Clermont, Pa.

P. S. Crossman was in Lafayette Monday evening.

Miss Alice Ferman, has resigned her position at Stenographer with Holmes & Gilfillan and accepted a position at the office of E. G. Potter.

E. E. Drake is confined to his home on account of illness.

H. L. Dodd of Bristol, was in town Tuesday on business.

E. D. Perley of Crosby, was in town Tuesday.

The Young Peoples Society of the Swedish Mission Church met at P. Ahlberg Thursday evening on a social ride.

C. M. Gilberte of Crosby was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Miss Johnson of Kane spent the week end here.

Miss Hassler nurse who was at the Bradford Hospital for [illegible] to her home Monday.

Mrs. Nora Johnson was an Olmsby visitor Friday.

Miss Ellie Johnson entertained the 5 Hi club Monday evening.

Mr. C. K. Gregory is in Buffalo N. Y., this week to attend a special sale.

The following attended the Elks Frolic in Bradford Friday evening: Mr and Mrs. E. S. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gurney, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. John Disch, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Disch, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Specht, Mrs. C. C. Cowan, Miss Ruth Wright, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Weichel and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fuller and Mrs. E. E. Workley.

The Misses Ada Bowers and Gladys Barton entertained the Sunnydale Campfire and their mothers at a six o'clock dinner party Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Carl Hyde who has been confined to her home on account of weakness of the muscles of the legs, caused from the measles and before entering home was under treatment at the Bradford General Hospital.

Mrs. O. J. Hamlin and daughter Hannah will leave Saturday for Rogalusa, Louisiana, where they will be the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. A. B. Wells.

Floyd Portis of St. Marys who is visiting his mother, Mrs. Jim Tammany, is seriously ill this week.

The D. A. R. will hold a Washington's birthday party, (Thursday) evening at the home of Mrs. R. Kessler, Jr., The members will wear fancy costumes.

Raphael Kessler, who has a position in Buffalo, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Kessler Jr. of West Main street.

Mrs. E. W. Workley entertained twenty young girl, Tuesday evening in honor of her daughter Catherine's thirteenth birthday anniversary.

Mrs. S. F. Redfield who is in Syracuse N. Y. was operated upon Wednesday for appendicitis at the Syracuse hospital.

Mrs. Mary Bayer and son Ralph of Burbanks, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McClarass of Bradford were visiting at the home of Mrs. Orpha Mulvihill and family last Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Dodge, Mrs. Harry Herzog, Mr. Herberi Grinold of Breda were visiting at the home of Mrs. Orpha Mulvihill last Monday.

Miss Harriett Jones returned Monday evening from the Bradford hospital, where she has been for treatment. Her many friends will be glad to learn she is better.

The Teapot Dome Swindle should arouse no greater interest here in Smethport than the Sensational offer made by Monheimer in his advertisement on this page of the Miner.

Mr. William Schrieber of Sergeant spent Saturday and Sunday with his wife at the home of Lewis Thomas of East Smethport.

Mrs. Edna Anderson entertained the members of the W. C. T. U. at her home in East Smethport Tuesday afternoon.

Edith Cory of Coryville spent Saturday with Mrs. Edna Anderson.

Vera Thomas and Ruth Abbey who are training in the Bradford hospital spent Sunday with their parents. Several of their friends accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. David Schleif left Friday for their new home in Pittsburgh where Mr. Schleiff will carry on the shoe-repairing business.

On account of continued illness Robert A. Rifle will dispose of his interests in the Battery Service and Repair shop of Montillier & Rifle, the same will be continued by Charles F. Montillieur at the same site.

C. C. Choate is having his residence wired this week. Chas Montilleur is conducting the work.

Thomas Nichols, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Nichols of Bank street, is quite ill with pneumonia.

Merle Bisett of Tulsa, Okla., was called here last week by the death of his mother, Mrs. aMry L. Bisett.

W. R. Fulmer was in Kane Saturday and brought his mother-in-law, Mrs. F. J. Lunquist home from the Kane hospital, where she has been for treatment, since breaking her arm a short time ago.

Mrs. D. J. Hamlin was a Bradford visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Forrest, Mrs. Edw. Higgins and Lester Taylor were in Bradford Saturday to call on Mr. Higgins who is a patient in the Bradford hospital.

Lester Taylor, Harry Barker, Jr. and William Holden were in Bradford Friday evening.

The Nunnadal Camp Fire Girls and a second number of girls took a very enjoyable sleigh ride Monday eve.

Cleon Hale, Ralph Hale were entertained at the home of Mrs. W. W. Markham.

Mrs. Ethel Mayo visited over the week end in Bradford with her daughter Evelyn.

Miss Lounsbery is spending the week end in Bradford with friends.

John McDermott was taken to the Bradford hospital, Thursday, where he will be operated on for appendicitis.

Game Warden Carl Benson of Mt. Jewett called attention to the new law effective this year which imposes a fine of $5 on all owners of hunting licenses who fail to return to Harrisburg the license stub with a record of the game shot during the season. The time for returning the stub expires May 30 and Mr. Benson urges all sportsmen to mail their stubs at once and avoid the fine. He also calls attention to the law requiring that all traps must have attached the name and address of the owner. A fine of $10 is imposed on all who fail to give this information on the traps.

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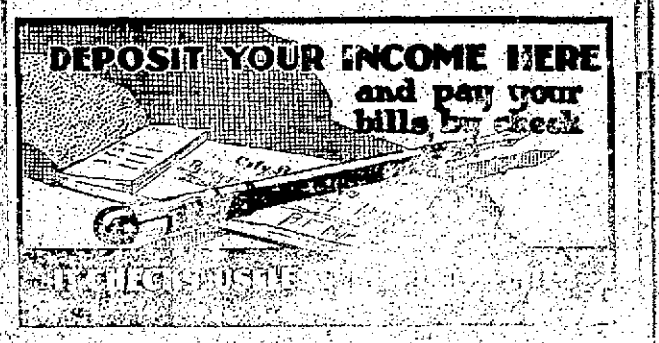

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CHAPTER VIII

The right of view is so important in [illegible] the idea that you [illegible] itself. This being [illegible] sentenced to [illegible] solitary luxury—was one thing—a very weary thing indeed; but on the other hand how different, and how much more sinister the life sentence of a prisoner insane—to be held till death for the necessities and unknown purposes of Sixty Million.

Judged insane! By some court, no doubt! If so, some one must have secured the judgment—and that some one was not due to seek. This man who had just left her was the person interested, quite obviously—and Jasper Haig must be another. She was certain now of what she had so long suspected, that no appeal was possible to him.

She had, in fact, very little idea where she could turn next, when on another evening not long afterward, she observed the peculiar actions of her dog shuffling at the outside door of the empty study on the second floor again. When she saw this, with a curious mixture of fear and adventurousness she snapped on the light again and opened the heavy door. It was a surprise, and yet not entirely a surprise, to find there, the unknown young man of the former evening—the tall, quite handsome man with pleasant eyes and agreeable address.

"Hello, Adelaide," he said. "You see, I had to run in to see how the world was treating you once more. How are you, my dear?" he asked and shook her hand warmly. Yet his eyes, she felt now, had underneath the surface kindness a deeper hardness in them.

"Shall we be alone here," he asked her, "for a little while?"

"Why, yes," she said, and in spite of the natural caution demanded by the circumstances, she shut the door behind her.

He sat looking at her, studying her all the time with those eyes of his with their curious double expression: those naturally kindly eyes with the hard judgment showing always underneath.

"You'll wonder," he said, "Adelaide, why I am so attentive, why I came again so soon, why I took the chance. You see, it's this way: I rather wondered if you hadn't something that you wished to tell me."

"I," she answered, a little startled by the look that he was giving her as well as by his question. "I," she said again—but her voice was very uncertain. "What would I have to say?"

"That's just it," he insisted.

"Nothing," she answered loyally.

"Perhaps," he said, "we do not understand each other yet. Perhaps I should make myself a little plainer. I'll try it anyway. Let me ask you something. Is there any reason why I have a personal interest in Gorgam Trust?"

"Yes," she said unsteadily when he stopped.

"And a woman in great danger?"

"Yes," breathed Adelaide Rutherford.

"While a woman knows that she is on the verge of being accused of a great crime."

"Of what crime?" asked Mrs. Rutherford, her voice now scarcely above a whisper.

"Of murder," said the stranger, patting the rough-headed Rags, who stood beside him.

Adelaide Rutherford did not move now, nor speak; her face entirely bloodless.

"Strangely enough," the man went on when he saw that she did not answer, "the man—this friend of mine I speak of—believes in the girl. He does not know her very well, either, but he has an idea, an instinct—a rather silly one, perhaps—that he can believe in her—from her face. He thinks that she should be given a chance at least to clear herself."

"Murder!" murmured Mrs. Rutherford hoarsely when he stopped. But she said no more.

"He believes," said the young man after waiting, "that possibly he could save her—and that she, at the same time, might help him to know what he must eventually find out. And yet one thing apparently makes this impossible."

"What?"

"Her attitude. I wont go into that at length. That situation is too complicated too," he said again. "And I can't entirely. I'm not allowed to. But I can tell you this much: the whole affair might be simplified, done away with, perhaps, if she would only give her confidence to him. You see?"

She did not see, nor answer. It was very awkward. Adelaide Rutherford was about to faint. She did, in fact, aim it. All that she remembers, very dimly, is the figure of the young man going out the door just before the servants—led by that woman who was

It was a strange and mysterious business—this being the mistress of a jealous trust; displeasing, dangerous, sinister.

"A prisoner! Insane! A murderess!" said Adelaide Rutherford, tossing in her great bed in her high bedroom—knowing less and less what she could do.

CHAPTER IX

Night brought small comfort to the ward of the Gorgam Trust. Like many others, much wiser than herself, caught in the widespread web of the purposes of Great Money—of the corporations and trusts and great legal supermen which embody it—she turned and re-turned all night long endeavoring to understand her situation—how entirely she was caught, and what she could possibly do next.

On the one side—if she still stayed as she was—she thought she could see the certainty of imprisonment for life, on the ground of insanity. And with it—a menace from whose shock she had never yet recovered—was the access of that man—that great brute, her husband—to her house, her very rooms.

On the other side, if she stayed, was the other man whom she did not know but who was obviously interested, bringing against her the charge of murder.

"It isn't true. It isn't true. I know it," said the new Adelaide Rutherford, tossing in her great bed.

But that she knew herself that this charge against her was not true did not answer the fear lodged in her mind. She might possibly have been—now that she reviewed the situation—an unconscious accomplice in a plot of murder. She did not think so. But that she was an accomplice in some plot—not unlikely criminal—she now felt sure; and she felt confident it might very possibly be charged, and that a jury might not impossibly be convinced upon the evidence that there had been murder.

In any case the situation was not a matter of weeks or months. It was closing about her immediately—if she stayed in the midst of the purposes and counter-purposes which were coming together about this great fortune. She may have been unnecessarily panic-stricken. Possibly a woman of firmer nerves would have reasoned or acted differently; but for the ward of the Gorgam Trust there was no desire now but one—escape from this gloomy house, from this sinister fortune, at once.

"I'll try it, anyhow," she said to herself toward morning. For she could appreciate already how difficult escape would be, though up to then she had merely made small tests of the possibility of it.

That night she made her first attempt at going—in a way doubly unsuccessful. The thought had come to her to try that door—the entrance through which the strange visitor had twice appeared. She had indeed no exact knowledge of where it led, but it must certainly end outside somewhere—evidently upon the side street. She had not tried it before, having the feeling that she was being more and more closely watched; but now, this night, she must.

She stood in the dark silence of the great room; all black, but for two oblique patches of high windows she could see behind her. The handle of the door moved, the door opened; and she felt instinctively, as one will, that she was at the head of a flight of stairs, which of course was what she had expected.

It was even more softly black before her. The air was cold and damp. Stretching out her hand to guide herself, she found a wall of stone and then a stone hand-railing. So far, so good. She drew back her left hand from the door, it swung—evidently by a spring—and clicked behind her. Turning again she tried the knob. It did not move. The door, she soon saw, was of the common type, which opens by the knob on the inner side but only by key from without.

The ward of the Gorgam Trust gave a little cry at this. She was naturally neither an aggressive nor adventurous creature. However, there was but one thing now to be done for anyone—to go wherever this staircase led her. She found the stair-rail again and walked down the polished stone steps. This required time—and caution; but after a while it was not so difficult. It was evidently a bare spiral staircase inclosed in stone, very much, the girl recalled, like the inclosed brick fire escape in the school she had attended as a child.

She found herself at last at the bottom—at the end. Another door evidently opened upon the street. She tried it. It would not open. She tried again—and again—and again. The door would not open—except by a key.

And when she found this to be certain the girl hurried back, as much as she could hurry in that blackness, to the upper door, in a sort of panic haste. She tried the door again. It would not open. She shook it to make sure. She was sure now, and she stopped—understanding thoroughly what she had feared before. She was trapped in that blind passageway, that stone fire escape—whatever it was! And she would be held there ignominiously until some one found her.

She sat down in the dark upon the stair considering the situation, got up, and shook the door again with a foolish desperation. There was no doubt of it; she was trapped! They would find her there in the morning—whenever the thought of this place occurred to their minds.

But then all at once, when she was resigning herself to this, she heard, she thought, the sound of steps beyond the door, and a fumbling hand. And suddenly the interior of the smooth stone spiral below her sprang out into vivid whiteness under a strong electric light.

The door opened. "Madam," said the severe-faced woman who acted as her personal maid—speaking, she thought, in a voice in which anxiety and satisfaction mingled—"would better go back to bed."

A strange sensation came over the girl as she heard her. It was as if she

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felt a great cold hand upon her shoulder—the impersonal, inhuman touch of the Gorgam Trust arresting her, taking her back to her luxurious prison—to await one of the two disasters which was now to come upon her.

CHAPTER X

Matters moved swiftly now—they must, as the mistress of the Gorgam Trust could see. That she could herself slip away from the fast-rising crisis she could have now less and less expectation. A choice between the two dangerous paths might be possible—but the third way, of entire escape from both dangers, which she would have preferred, was clearly to be very difficult—in fact frankly to be eliminated during the next day.

She was scarcely up and dressed that next morning when she saw again—with a little start, and it must be admitted, curiously enough, still with relief and expectation, a figure she could not fail to recognize—the young man who but two nights before had accused her of murder, and with him, it appeared, was Rags, who was out with his usual independence, searching for adventure on his morning run in the great park. The young man seemed to be fastening something under the collar of the dog, and he seemed to know that she was looking at him as he did it.

When the dog was in the house again, his owner fell beneath his collar for the small bit of paper so carefully concealed there.

He could even come, it said, at any time she would indicate it to be safe, through this excellent mail route, and take her away!

This, the reader of the note could see now, would be perhaps the course she might take eventually—if she could. But even this, after the night before, would probably prove difficult.

In fact, she had scarcely finished reading her crumpled note, when she was called downstairs to see her chief warden, Jasper Haig. He met her with an exterior almost menacingly calm.

"What is this," he asked when they were alone, "if you don't mind telling me? Are you trying to escape? Have you forgotten your agreement with me?"

The contrast between his poise and calmness and the manner of the young woman was most striking.

"Agreement!" she said, reduced by her nervousness and anxiety to the petulance and irresponsibility of a child—by the dread of this thing that held her, by the threat of the whole situation which overhung her! "I don't want it. I can't keep it! I've got to go. I've got to leave here. I've got to be free!" she cried, and rose suddenly to her feet from the divan on which she had been sitting.

The lawyer with his still half-smile attempted to soothe her, to correct so unreasonable a statement.

"No. No," she insisted, almost hysterically. "I'm through—" And now a slight shade of change came over the lawyer's face—an almost imperceptible hardening of the impassive mouth and the suave manner.

"I am afraid," he said finally, when she had passed all bounds of common sense—and her body turned cold at his quiet, oblique smile as he spoke to her—"I'm afraid you don't realize your exact position. I'm very sorry you have forced me to go into the unfortunate details," the cold, level voice went on. "But the fact is, you cannot leave. We could not let you, if we would."

"What would prevent?" she demanded. "Why could I not leave now—this minute, if I wanted to?" and she waited for what he would say next, in rigid stillness.

"If you must hear it all," he said, a little irritated finally at her unreasonableness, "you could not go now, nor I let you, for a very definite reason: you are my ward—legally adjudged insane."

"Incurably so!" he added—when she sat white-faced, watching him.

"Incurably!" she whispered after him.

"I'm sorry," he said, when he observed her condition after this. "But you invited it. You brought it on yourself."

"Incurable!" she said, finding her voice at last. "Do these people, these servants, all think that of me?" She recalled now so many little things.

"No," he said. "Not this set—since the sickness? I spared you that. This new staff knows very little—excepting that you have been very ill—nervously—and must be watched."

"And this woman, this personal maid, this guard of mine—whatever she is! Does she think the same?"

"Yes," he told her, practically. "She merely knows that you are nervous—nervously unstable and ill. But that, you will find," he said smoothly, "will make no difference in her vigilance. She is a very capable and determined person."

It was all that she could do to control herself enough to speak calmly again—to make her own attempt at argument, to play a last card which she thought she held.

"You will let me go," she said finally, as evenly as she could, "if you are wise!"

"Why?" he asked, watching her.

"Because I have a means—there is some one—" she said, stumbling a little, for she saw she was making a very serious move now.

"You mean—"

"I mean," she said, "that there is an excellent reason why you should let me go—for your own sake!"

He looked at her with that professional mask of impassiveness—the acquirement of a lifetime—upon his face.

"If you will," she said, hurrying on, "if you will let me go, I will say nothing—to—about what I know!"

Each time she came to making an actual statement of the thing he did not know about—of the other man outside suspecting her—him—the Gorgam Trust—she hesitated and stopped. For she saw, now she had started, that if she played this card, if she threatened him and he did not consent to let her go, she was still in his power—in the grasp of the Gorgam Trust. And who knew what they might do to her next—even possibly to murder her entirely out of the way?

"Are you trying to say that you have told—or could if some one, your story?" he asked her coldly.

And now she said nothing—being [illegible]

Her heart beat with sudden furiousness, for she realized, by instinct as well as by reason, that she had made a mistake.

"Have you as a matter of fact ever found you could give your story out to anyone?" he persisted.

"I have—yes!" she said suddenly—and suddenly reddening again, for her woman's wit had saved her—for the minute. She could explain her outbreak, it occurred to her, and at the same time possibly put a stop to this other thing—this visit from her supposed husband which must not be repeated. For she had thought, till then at least, that it had been made without the lawyer's knowledge.

"To whom?"

"To Mr Rutherford." And she told him with convincing definiteness of his visit there.

For the moment he watched her intently—impassively. Then gradually his shanting, mocking smile grew once again upon his face.

"Of course," he said, "if you wish to have him here—I will make no objection. He is a member of the family, we might say. But this is a surprise to me. I had supposed," he said, "you did not want him." And a crooked smile came on his lips again as he looked at her.

"Want him!" she answered, stammering at the turn the thing had taken in his hands.

"Why, yes," he said suavely.

"Want him—no!" she cried impulsively.

"Your actions," he returned, "would scarcely indicate that. You sent for him! And if, at any time again, you wish him as a companion—that is very simple indeed."

"You agreed," she cried. "It was our understanding that he—that man—should never come near me!"

"Why, then," he asked her, "did you call him here?"

What could she say without betrayal of the thing she was now resolved he should not know—concerning the man she had believed she was sending for when Rutherford appeared?

"You could scarcely expect me to interfere with arrangements of this kind," he said cynically. "A husband wishes to visit his wife. Who can refuse him? Why should he not come, if she sends for him—even if his wife is insane?"

(Continued till Next Week.)

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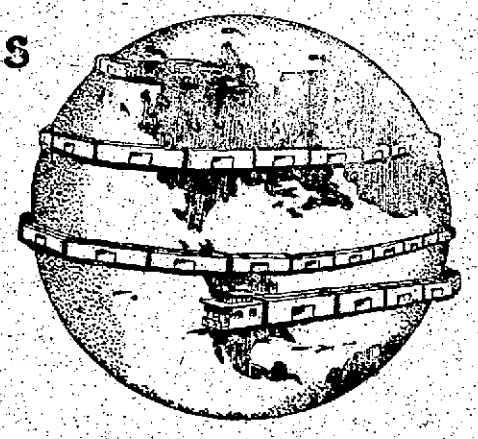

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

It gives us pleasure to announce that the famous play "Kicked Out of College" will be presented by the Smethport Seniors, Wednesday February 27 in the Lyceum. Admission 50c. and 75c Everyone ought to try their best to see this play as it gives a good idea of the tricks of College life. This play includes a cast of twenty-three different characters. Get your tickets early. They are now on sale. Buy from any Senior.

PROGRESS

For once we agree with our learned Teachers. They say the new generation is disconcerting and exhausting and after looking at some of the answers given below we agreed with them.

Answers to various questions asked: There were no Christians among the early Gauls, they were mostly lawyers.

The King was not to order taxes without the consent of parliament.

In 1620 the Pilgrims crosses the ocean: this is known as the Pilgrims Progress.

Georgia was settled by people who had been executed.

Benjamin Franklin produced electricity by rubbing cats backwards.

Tennyson wrote in "In Memorandum".

A vacuum is a large empty space where the pope lives.

Farmer—"What are you doing up in that tree young man?"

Freshie—"One of your apples fell down and I'm trying to put it back."

How problems in algebra sound:

1. A man wanted to buy a car. One car cost 7 times as much as a tail lamp and a motorcycle he had 4 years before. How old was the horse George Washington rode? And how many spokes in a bicycle wheel?

One car cost 7 times as much as a tail lamp and a mortorcycle he had 4 years before. How old was the horse George Washington rode?

2. A man is 17 years younger than his brother who is 5 feet 8in tal. How many feet has a caterpiller.

3. One number is 8 times 1-2 the other which is 10 less than the third.

How long will it take the Freshmen to join the Athletic association?

Teacher—"Of what is the earth composed?

"Quickwit"—"Dirt and people."

A FEW FACTS

1. We know a girl so industrious that when she has nothing else to do she sits and knits her brows.

2. The wretch that stole a pineapple and a bunch of bananas got his desert.

3. Of all the methods of capital punishment, the guillotine still takes the head.

4. No matter how high our awning may be suspended, it is only a shade above the street.

5. All men are not homeless but some are home less then others.

6. The only man not spoiled by being lionized was the prophet David.

7. A high hat is a slouch.

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NOTICE

The following accounts of administrators, executors and guardians having been settled in the office of the Register of Wills, the same will be presented for confirmation at the Orphans' Court to be held at Smethport, in and for the County of McKean, in the state of Pennsylvania on the fourth Monday of February, A. D. 1924.

First and final account of McKean County Trust Company, Administrator of the Estate of Alva L. Young, deceased.

First and final account of Mary Ford, Administratrix, c. t. a. of the Estate of Edmund D. Ford deceased.

First and final account of Mary E. Walker, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of J. E. Walker, deceased.

First and final account of Naomi Jones, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament (and estate) of Chalmers Calvin Jones, deceased.

First and final account of Edward Dewey, Administrator, c. t. a. of the Estate of Alice D. Miller deceased.

First and final account of Harold B. Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Joseph Ralph Flick, deceased.

First, final and distributive account of McKean County Trust company, Guardian of Charles H. Knight, late a minor child of George Knight, deceased.

First final and distribution account of Edyth Pyle, Administratrix of the Estate of Mary Martin, deceased.

First and final account of A. M. Quirk, Administrator of the Estate of Edward Patterson, deceased.

First, final and distribution account of D. C. Rice, Administrator of the Estate of Lowell H. Rice, deceased.

First and final account of George Paten and E. L. Jones, Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Mary B. Barbre, deceased.

First, final and distribution account of Hugo Blau, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Emma Blau, deceased.

First and final and partial distribution account of Guy B. Mayo, Administrator, c. t. a. of the Last Will and Testament of John Magner, deceased.

First and final account of the First National Bank of Port Allegany, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of John C. Lewis, deceased.

First and final account of the First National Bank of Port Allegany, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Herman Goodyear, deceased.

JOHN B. EASTMAN,
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Smethport	Lv.	8:00	11:05	2:25	4:50
Backus	Ar.	8:30	11:35	2:55	5:20
Kushequa	Lv.			12:07	
Mt. Jewett	Ar.			12:23	
Via Backus & B. R. & P. Ry					
Bradford	Ar.	9:35		3:28	6:58
Mt. Jewett	Ar.	8:50	12:29		5:58
Via Mt. Jewett-Kane 'Bus					
Kane	Ar.	9:40	1:10		6:40
Via Kane-Mt. Jewett 'Bus					
Kane	Lv.	7:30	11:30	1:30	4:20
Via B. R. & P. Ry & Backus					
Mt. Jewett	Lv.	8:39		2:46	5:10
Bradford	Lv.	8:00	11:48		5:07
Mt. Jewett	Lv.		12:30		
Kushequa	Lv.		12:50		
Backus	Lv.	8:55	1:15	3:00	5:45
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of D. C. Haines, Late of of the Township of Norwich, County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, Deceased.

Letters of administration on the above Estate, having been granted by the Degster of Wills of the said County of McKean to J. W. Haines of Smethport, in the County aforesaid; request is hereby made to all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the said Decedent to immediately make known the same, and all persons indebted to the said Decedent, to make payment thereof, to the said Administrator without delay.

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Mrs. H. J. Ellsworth who has been ill for several weeks is much improved.

Latest reports received in McKean county from Washington, D. C. state that the Purnell Bill, calling for additional funds to support agriculture research study in the state agriculture colleges, has met the approval of the agricultural committee of Congress. It is expected that the bill will be reported out of the committee in the near future and will soon come to a vote.

Because of the passage of this bill means so much to the future of agriculture farmers of the county are showing a keen interest in the progress it is making. By its provisions, Pennsylvania will receive $15,000 the first year to be used in solving farm problems at the experimental station at State College. This fund according to the bill, will increase $10,000 each year until each state will receive $85,000 annually, for agricultural research purposes.

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WARREN POWER LINES ARE SOLD

Warren, Feb., 18.—Announcement was made Saturday by Hugh A. Siggins, secretary and treasurer of the Warren Street Railway Company, that the lines controlled by the company were being disposed of to the Pennsylvania Public Service corporation and that application had been filed at Harrisburg with the Pennsylvania Public Service corporation for a transfer of the stock of the company.

The deal involved is a large one, as the local company owns the lines operating in Warren, the interurban line to Sheffield, 12 miles distant, and the lines to Jamestown, N. Y., a distance of 21 miles.

The company also operates an extensive light and power service, covering the smaller towns of the county and their transmission lines for light and power were operative over a distance of 40 miles, with hundreds of patrons.

Negotiations have covered many months and only today was a final decision as to the transaction reached. The Penn Public Service corporation some months ago purchased the light and power plant in this city, and is now engaged in stringing transmission wires from Warren to Cory, Pa., Warren to Tidioute and from Warren to Sugar Grove.

RING LARDNER, POET SPILLS HIS OWN HORN IN AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Ring Lardner writes:

Hardly a man is now alive
Who cares that in March, 1885,
I was born in the city of Niles,
Michigan, which is ninety-four miles
from Chicago, a city in Illinoy.
Sixteen years later still only a boy,
I graduated from the Niles high
school.
With a general knowledge of rotation pool.
After my schooling, I thought it best
to give my soul and body a rest.
In 1905, this came to an end.
When I went to work on The Times
in Souse Bend.
Thence to Chi. where I labored first
On the Inter-Ocean and then for
Hearst,
Then for the Tribune and then to
St. Lews.
Where I was editor of Sporting News,
And thence to Boston, where later a
can
Was tied to me by the manager man.
1919 was the year.
When, in Chicago, I finished my daily newspaper career.
And so forth.

MAN HANGS SELF IN MT. JEWETT, WEARY OF LIVING

On Friday Coroner H. C. Heffner was notified of the suicide at Mount Jewett, of Lisair Bousain, an elderly resident who was a native of Belgium. The man was evidently distressed by domestic affairs of some kind as he left a note explaining that he had quit his home and would never re-enter it. Bousain was aged about 65 years.

The body was found suspended in a barn belonging to Bousain and authorities were at once notified. Coroner Heffner, after learning of this directed that the body be taken in charge by Undertaker Lantz of Mount Jewett. Deceased is survived by a wife and family, the latter including step-children.—Bradford Sunday Herald, February 17.

CARNEGIE MEDAL IS SOUGHT FOR MOTHER

Olean, Feb. 19—The name of Mrs. Jay Carr of Hinsdale, who saved all her three children from their burning home Sunday, after the husband and father was burned to death, will be presented to the Carnegie commission, for it is believed here that her heroic work is worthy of recognition for a medal.

After Mr. Carr enveloped in flames had fallen in the blazing kitchen, Mrs. Carr carried the three children, all whooping cough, one by one to the barn. She left the home with the third one just as the building collapsed.

Mrs. Carr attempted to wrap a blanket around her burning husband and assist him outside the house, but he fell dead on the way to the door.

The children are Wayne, ten years old; Frederick, eight, and Catherine, five.

The body was brought to this city and it was taken to Clearfield, Pa., this morning. The Rev. J. A. Perkins of the Hinsdale Methodist Episcopal church accompanied the family, to officiate for the funeral.

Carr, it was said used gasoline to start a fire, and it is believed there was a live coal in the stove when he threw in the gasoline. A human torch, he ran around the room, attempting to beat out the flames, and objects were ignited as he passed them.

MELLON THREAT BY OLEAN MAN

Olean, Feb., 19.—Allan Straight, former Olean resident, who rose from newspaper ranks to tell a tale that he was to the late President Harding, has been committed to an asylum, since he was the originator of a plot against the life of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon.

Straight who is well known in Olean, where he spent the earlier part of his life, was found by secret operatives to be the author of threatening letters received by the Secretary of Treasury. Members of the department of justice learned that Straight had demanded a million dollars from Mellon under threat of death.

He was for a number of years connected with both local newspapers in the capacity of linotype operator. Leaving Olean about 12 years ago, he resided at Mt. Clemens where he was appointed chief of the police department. As a result of the excellent manner in which he conducted his department Straight was nominated and elected sheriff of the county where he served in an efficient manner.

While in the latter office he attracted the attention of the late President Wilson who he conducted on a trip through the county. President Wilson was so impressed with Straight on his return to Washington he found him a position with the secret operatives of the United States government.

Straight spent about five years in Wahsington in this service and upon the election of President Harding was selected as one of the operatives to personally attend the executive. He was an aide to President Coolidge when it is said his queer actions were noted by his superior who took necessary proceedings to have him committed to the asylum. At the same time it was learned he was the originator of the plot against Secretary Mellon.

EX-CHIEF SOLT BRINGS DAMAGE ACTION AGAINST NATE NICHOLS

A suit of trespass to recover damages for alleged libel will be filed in the Court of Common Pleas at Smethport, today by Attorneys Wilson and Fitzgibbon for Harry G. Solt former chief of police, against Nate Nichols, Main street merchant.

The bills of complaint will recite that Mr. Nichols has uttered or caused to be uttered, and disseminated libelous statements injuring the good name and reputation of the former chief of police. The suit is the result of alleged charges of incompetency and malfaiance in office made by Mr. Nichols against Mr. Solt.

Charges were made by Mr. Nichols at a conference, Monday night, February 11, between Nichols, Solt, Chief of Police Carvolth and Mayor Denlinger. Among the more serious charges made were that the former police official had permitted, with or without his consent, the sale of liquor from police headquarters; the use of the headquarters for gambling; the tipping off of bootleggers and other law breakers before raids were made by police, so that no evidence was found when the raid was made; intimacy between police officers and liquors of ill repute; failure to properly investigate reported crimes and many other acts of gross abuse of office.

All these charges were emphatically denied by Mr. Solt who asked that Mr. Nichols produce proofs to substantiate his allegations. This Mr. Nichols promised to do at a public hearing a date for which was to have been set last week.

At last Monday night's meeting of City Council, Mr. Solt petitioned for a hearing at an early date. The Councilmen found, however, that the only legal manner in which a hearing could be asked for charges a bond could be asked of the Civil Service board was for charges to be made by Chief Carvolth who would, meanwhile, suspend Officer Solt from duty. This Chief Carvolth could not do because he has been unable to obtain corroboration of the charges made by Mr. Nichols.

The former police official then decided to bring suit for damages against Mr. Nichols and the bill of complaint was prepared yesterday to be filed at Smethport this morning.

Mr. Nichols could not be interviewed by The Era yesterday, but his brother, Louis Nichols, said that the former police chief's action was expected and that Mr. Nichols is ready to substantiate his accusations. He also intimated that a hearing before the Civil Service board may be held before the trespass case is called for trial.—Bradford Era, February 20.

McKean county produced 31,687 bushels of corn last year from 1,337 acres of ground, and average of 23.7 bushels per acre. The total value of the crop was $33,217.35 or $1.05 per bushel. Elk county produced 30,914 bushels on 1,171 acres and received an average price of $1.10 per bushel or $34,005.40 for the whole crop. Warren county raised 223,600 bushels off 5,590 acres and sold it for $1.25 per bushel, a total of $257,140.

The State Highway Department in conjunction with the Kane-Mt. Jewett Transfer company have a force of men on the road between Kane and Mt. Jewett today shoveling out the snow where it has drifted to such an extent that there is but a narrow passage. These places will be widened in order to make it safe for cars to pass. Some of the snow fences that were placed in the fall along the route will be moved to points where they will be more effective.—Kane Republican, Feb. 18.

NOTICE TO SHEEPMEN

All sheep men of Smethport and vicinity are urged to attend a meeting at the Farm Bureau office Tuesday, February 26, at 1:30 P. M. Bill Connell will meet with us, and the object of this meting is to discuss Ram Associations and Sheep Management.

Drama's Decline.

An old actor was wont to claim that he had worked with Booth and Barrett. When questioned about his parts he would always answer: "I did hoof beats," then add: "The drama has gone to pot."

"Why so?" some of the younger generation would indignantly inquire.

"Anyone can do the hooks nowadays," was the sad reply.

WASHINGTON'S EXPENSE

Based on the expenses for three months in 1789, Washington figured his year's outlay at about $25,000. When Washington became president he was unwilling to receive any money from the public treasury beyond his actual expenses. At the time his household included a secretary, an assistant secretary, three aids and eighteen servants, while a livery of sixteen horses also figured into the yearly cost.

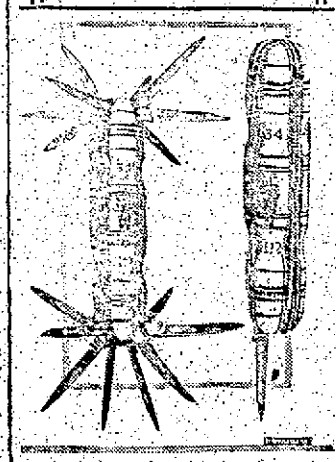
An interpretation of this brief note shows that the band of Colonel Proctor's Fourth Continental artillery apparently took it upon itself to serenade the commander in chief. This old record brings to light that Valley Forge, with all that that name means of privations and suffering, was the setting where was staged what was undoubtedly the first recognition in any public way of Washington's birthday.

French First to Celebrate.

There is still another record of those Revolutionary times which touches us perhaps most poignantly today. To the French is credit due for the first public celebration of Washington's birthday. It was in February, 1781, that Comte de Rochambeau, with true French spirit, declared a holiday for the French troops who were then located in Connecticut. Washington's birthday fell that year on Sunday, so the French general specified that the following Monday be set aside for the celebration of the birthday of his commander, whom he so highly esteemed.

It was another of the many evidences of the close ties between France and America which existed in Revolutionary times. It was on that memorable occasion that was first laid the foundation of our national holiday.

WASHINGTON'S 16-BLADED KNIFE



One of the unique relics of American history still extant is the 16-blade pocket knife which was presented to George Washington by Capt. Samuel De Wees in 1784. The many blades, it will be noted, are arranged to fold into four slots placed at right angles to each other in the handle. The knife is now the property of George De Wees of Chicago, Ill., a descendant of Captain De Wees.

CRASH CAUSED BY FOG CLAIM OF TRAIN CREW

Salamanca, N. Y., Feb. 16—(By Associated Press)—Three persons were injured in a rear end collision this morning when the Erie railroad Chicago passenger train No. 1000 from Jamestown crashed into a freight train in the west end of the Salamanca yards.

The southern tier express is made up in two sections, one in Jamestown and the other in Buffalo, which are joined at Hornell. Just before the Jamestown section pulled into the Salamanca yards, a fast freight eastbound from Chicago stalled inside the yard limits. Railway men said the brakes had been accidently set, due to the low temperature which caused loss of air pressure.

A dense fog from the Allegany river, which skirts the yards at that point was believed to have obscured the stalled freight and the flagman, officials said, had been sent back. The locomotive of the express ran through the caboose of the freight, demolishing it and setting it afire.

The locomotive of the passenger train was slightly damaged. It was taken off and a substitute from Salamanca drew the train into Hornell the Southern was delayed an hour and a half.

The dining car chef was standing in the doorway at the moment of the collision. He was thrown violently back into the car. At the hospital his injuries were found not serious, and physicians declared him ready to be discharged.—Olean Herald 16.

THE DATE OF WASHINGTON'S BIRTH

OLD records—what stories they can tell. Sometimes full of romance, sometimes startling in their disclosures.

It would seem that Washington's birthday, observed for so many years on February 22, was a celebration founded securely on accurate historical facts. Yet buried in the family Bible of Washington's mother and written in her own handwriting is an entry which makes one pause with surprise. There she has clearly recorded the astounding statement that George Washington was born on February 11.

Certainly no one should know more about this important event than Mrs. Washington.

There it is in black and white in her own handwriting:

George Washington, son to Augustine and Mar, his wife, was bore ye 11the of February, 1732, about 10 in the morning, and was baptised the 3d of April following. Mr. Beverley Whiting and Capt. Christopher Brooks, godfathers, and Mrs. Mildred Gregory, godmother.

Family Bibles, especially in those times, were the last word in accuracy, so this statement must be accepted as indisputable.

By the latter part of the Sixteenth century the calendar year had become askew with the astronomical year. It seemed important that a readjustment be made and Pope Gregory XIII, after careful consultation with the learned men of his time, decreed that in 1582 10 days should be dropped and arranged what has since been called the Gregorian calendar. The mandate of the pope was followed that year by Spain, Portugal, Italy and France, but England would have none of it and continued on the basis of the old calendar for another century and a half.

Difference of Eleven Days.

By 1752 in England the discrepancy had mounted up to 11 days, and the disadvantages of two systems of dates was causing great inconvenience. It was necessary to file papers going from England on her colonies or France with the days of both systems, for instance, February 11-22. So at last to avoid all this confusion England officially adopted the Gregorian calendar and decreed that 11 days be omitted in the year 1752 between September 3 and September 14.

So for Washington, his birthday in 1753 and all succeeding years fell on February 22.

But there is another record which throws light on what was probably the first public recognition of his birthday. This time the record is in his own handwriting. While commander in chief of the Continental armies, with all his other responsibilities and duties, Washington found time to keep exact records of all his expenses. These expense accounts were several years ago made available by their transferal from the Treasury department to the library of congress where they were placed with the great collection of Washington's papers there.

In one of Washington's daily expense account books there is an entry, under date of February 22, 1778, which reads:

Cash paid the 22nd Inst. to Proctor's band by the G. G.....15s.